

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 28-41, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 428; and

Group II, claims 1-27, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 1+.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 28-41.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement for the following reasons.

The elected invention group II should be examined with the invention group I since they are corresponding apparatus and method claims and the examination of these groups I and II together does not place undue burden on the Examiner, as they have the same search area.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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